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NEWSLETTER

A note from the counselors: While we make every effort to include as much information about as many scholarships as possible, this list is by no means exhaustive. It is incumbent upon you to do your own research, using personal demographics and family history to aid you in your search. Many scholarships have extended their deadlines due to the disruption caused by Covid-19. Please be sure to double-check deadlines you think you missed.

SCHOLARSHIPS

FALCONS NEST SCHOLARSHIP

The GCSD Falcons Nest Booster Club proudly offers Scholarships & Awards to Student Varsity athletes, as well as a Scholar Student-Athlete Recognition Program.

Information & Applications are available @

<https://sites.google.com/view/testgcsdfnbc/scholarships-more?authuser=1>

VERMONT SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIPS

Vermont's colleges, universities, and partners have come together to offer \$65,000 in scholarship money to students who "Choose Vermont" and commit to attend a school here. If you commit to Vermont by June 1, 2020 and register below, you'll be eligible to win a \$5,000 scholarship from your new college. Register [here](#)

VIETNAM VETS OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP

Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #49, awards six scholarships of **\$700** each year to high school graduates in Westchester County. The awards are granted to assist with a college or vocational school education. These scholarships honor six outstanding individuals from our area and are named the Pete Lambert Memorial Scholarship, the Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr. Memorial Scholarship, the Peter T. McCauley Memorial Scholarship, the Anthony Shine Memorial Scholarship, the Jonathan Shine Memorial Scholarship, and the William Suddereth Memorial Scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY: Students who will complete high school in Westchester County this year, are the child or a grandchild of an active duty service veteran, and plan to attend an accredited U.S. college/university or vocational/technical school are eligible to compete for the scholarships. Please note that service in the Reserves or National Guard does not constitute veteran status, unless you were activated for more than 90 days for purposes other than training. Also note that the child or grandchild of any veteran is eligible; service does not have to be during the Vietnam era.

HOW TO APPLY: There are four selection criteria that the student must submit in order to be considered for a scholarship: 1. Junior year rank in class. 2. Your SAT or ACT scores; no other test score will be accepted. Note; for those who will be attending a vocational/technical school this requirement will be waived. 3. A resume of extracurricular activities to include school clubs, sports and student government, work experience, volunteer experience and other interests. Relevant references, with addresses and phone numbers, should be provided. 4. A written statement, not to exceed two typed pages, on the topic "The affect (if any) of my mother's/father's or grandfather's/grandmother's military service on my attitudes toward life and country." Students should complete the attached application and return it, along with the other requested items, by no later than **April 1st** to: Vietnam Veterans of America #49 Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 224 Pleasantville, NY 10570

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students are able to apply for the Eisenhower Scholarship—designed to recognize outstanding applicants who are positively transforming their communities. The College has a long history of civic engagement with students and alumni making a difference in their communities and around the world. The Eisenhower Scholarship is Gettysburg College's most selective scholarship— **\$160,000** for four years of full-time study (\$40,000 per year). It is awarded to top performing applicants within a most challenging curriculum who have demonstrated a high level of civic engagement locally, nationally, and/or internationally.

More information about the Eisenhower Scholarship including application requirements and process is on our website. Additionally, Gettysburg College

recognizes students' academic achievement in high school by awarding four categories of academic merit scholarships under Early Decision and Regular Decision.

- Abraham Lincoln Scholarship—**\$32,000** per year
- Presidential Scholarship—**\$27,000** per year
- David Wills Scholarship—**\$24,000** per year
- 1832 Founders Scholarship—**\$15,000** per year

Decisions on merit scholarship recipients are made as part of the admissions process. A separate application is not required. All students, including those who apply test optional, are considered. I hope that you will share with your students that Gettysburg College accepts self-reported SAT and ACT scores. Please visit our [webpage](#) for more information about applying test optional or with self-reported scores

UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP

Many of you may be hesitant to consider private universities, fearing that they will be out of reach financially. At the University of Bridgeport, that is definitely not the case! In fact, we have introduced a generous new scholarship that makes our amazing education even more affordable. The UB Guarantee offers a **\$10,000** grant to all domestic, full-time freshmen residing on campus and a **\$5,000** grant to all domestic, full-time freshmen who commute. This scholarship is in addition to any merit- or need-based aid our applicants qualify for after completing the FAFSA. We hope you will take the next step toward a University of Bridgeport Bold future by [applying to UB today!](#)

SCHOLARSHIP APP

Introducing MerryApps, bundled scholarship applications.

We remember having to manually look for scholarships that had similar essay prompts, so that we could reuse the same 500-word statement. We've made that simpler, by bundling those kinds of scholarships together.

A smart application: Never enter the same thing twice.

[Here's an overview](#) of our Going Merry search and application platform. Students fill out a profile, get matched only to scholarships they're eligible for, and then can apply directly from our site. Any information they've already given us gets auto-filled into their scholarship applications.

Friendly reminder: FAFSA opens soon, on October 1. We know that independent scholarships aren't the only way students are going to pay for college. That's why we've also got:

Financial-Aid-Resources-on-our-Going-Merry-blog

(1) Blog articles like this "[Comprehensive Guide to Financial Aid](#)," a helpful resource for you and your students.

(2) [College Scholarships](#): A new section of our platform, which offers information on institutional aid--that is, financial aid packages directly offered by colleges. One of our first partners is the University of Virginia, which has listed information for in-state and out-of state students.

(3) [Tips for counselors](#), from counselors, to improve your scholarship application success rates

FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NY

The Firemen's Association of the State of New York will award twenty-five **\$1,500** scholarships to high school seniors entering college. The awards recognize exemplary members of the youth fire service who also contribute to their communities. The awards recognize exemplary members of the youth fire service who also contribute to their communities. Applications can be found [here](#).

CEN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Chief Executives Network for Manufacturing of the Capital Region, Inc. (CEN) is an association of manufacturers located in the Capital Region. To encourage students to consider careers in manufacturing, CEN will once again be offering **\$1,000** scholarships to be awarded to applicants who are:

- High school seniors graduating in 2020 and accepted at an accredited two or four year college, university, or trade school; or
- College students enrolled at the undergraduate level in an accredited two or four year college, university or trade school; and
- Students planning to enroll in a major which can lead to qualifying for a position with a manufacturer; and
- Residents of one of the following eleven Capital Region counties: Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington.
- ***CEN limits the number of scholarships that an individual can win to 2 in any 4 year period.***

The deadline for filing applications with the CEN Scholarship Committee is **April 30, 2020**. Download the [2020 CEN Manufacturing Scholarship](#) application. Applications are also available on the [CEN website](#).

MANHATTANVILLE CHANGING SUBURBS INSTITUTE

Manhattanville college offers a Changing Suburbs Institute Scholarship for any Woodlands High School student who is accepted into the college. Students are eligible for a half-tuition scholarship of **\$19,060** upon acceptance! This does NOT mean that if they receive a higher academic scholarship that they can stack this scholarship on top of it, but it does allow students who are not as strong academically to automatically receive the half tuition scholarship if they attend one of the schools in these districts.

HE PARTS EXPRESS SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: **April 1, 2020**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Must currently be in high school, college, or university. B) Must be at least 16 years of age on the day of the deadline. Applications can be found [here](#)

SCOTT AND KIM VERPLANK SCHOLARSHIP

\$10,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: **April 15, 2020**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be a High School senior with a GPA of at least 3.0 and have been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Applications can be found [here](#).

REVIEW IT SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: **April 30, 2020**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be attending college or university no later than September of 2018. B) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater and plan on attending a school in the United States. Applications can be found [here](#).

LM SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: **May 31, 2020**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be currently enrolled or expect to be enrolled in a degree program by September 2020. B) Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and submit an answer to the essay question prior to the submission deadline. Applications can be found [here](#).

HEAVY EQUIPMENT PARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Heavy Equipment Parts Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: **April 1, 2020**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Currently be in high school, college, or university. B) Be at least 16 years of age on the day of the deadline. Applications can be found [HERE](#)

SCHOLARSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

It's the last month your students can enter to win a **\$5,000** scholarship from the 2019 Discover Student Loans Scholarship Sweepstakes! Visit Scholarship.CollegeCovered.com to enter today. No purchase or loan necessary to enter or win. See [Official Rules](#) for details. And please stay tuned for our new scholarship sweepstakes coming next month.

PONTON LAW SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is now available to any high school senior in the United States that desires to apply. More information can be found on our scholarship application below: Deadline: **July 31, 2020** Award Amount: **\$1,000** Application [here](#).

INJURED DOCTOR SCHOLARSHIP

On behalf of Injured Call, a doctor referral company in New York City and surrounding areas, we would like to announce the Injury Doctor Scholarship. This scholarship is available to all high school seniors and current college students who are planning on entering the medical field. We understand how difficult it can be to pay for college and medical school, and we want to help someone afford a better education. Here are some brief notes on this scholarship: **\$1,000** (One-time award) **Due June 30, 2020** Must be attending a 4-yr college/university or 2-yr community college for Spring 2020. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. You can view the scholarship and other pertinent information [here](#).

COLLEGE BOARD PARTNERSHIPS

The College Board partners with scholarship providers connected to the SAT®, PSAT/NMSQT®, and PSAT™ 10. Through these partners, students can access over \$300 million in scholarship awards. [Learn more about scholarships.](#)

NAWC/SUEZ SCHOLARSHIP

SUEZ is a member of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC). The NAWC is comprised of publicly held water companies across the country. This year, SUEZ, in cooperation with the NAWC New York Chapter, is offering seven **\$3,000** scholarships to high school students who will be pursuing a degree related to the water utility industry field. This scholarship is being offered to high school seniors living within the SUEZ Water New York Division service area who meet the following criteria:

- Is a United States citizen
- A New York resident for 5 years
- High school senior pursuing a degree at a college or university (two or four-year) as an undergraduate student (part or full-time)
- Maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 GPA grading scale
- Enrolling in a curriculum related to the water utility industry or related fields such as natural resource management, environmental sciences, biology, chemistry, engineering, computer science, environmental law, etc.

Students should complete the enclosed application, which must be returned no later than **April 30, 2020**.

QUATRO MONEY SCHOLARSHIP

We are excited to offer our first Quatromoney **\$1,000** Scholarship for current high school students. Our team is passionate about helping families make smarter decisions about saving for and paying for college, so much so that we decided to help with a little cash ourselves! Scholarship sweepstakes entrants must be a currently enrolled high school student who is a US citizen or permanent resident. One applicant will be selected randomly and awarded the **\$1,000** scholarship. For more details, please click [HERE](#).

SUNY PLATTSBURGH

We have broadened our scholarship criteria for Mid-Hudson students - increasing the likelihood that your students will receive scholarships from SUNY Plattsburgh! Here are the details:

- **\$3,500** Freshmen Merit or **\$3,500** Academic Excellence Scholarships
- High-achieving students are now eligible to receive one of these two scholarships, renewable for up to eight semesters - totaling **\$14,000!**
- Each scholarship is deducted from non-tuition education costs, allowing the student's award to be stackable on top of the Excelsior Scholarship.

Click below to assess your eligibility and award amounts using our scholarship calculator - completely customized for each student! [View Scholarship Calculator](#)

WESTCHESTER ALPHAS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Westchester Alphas Educational Foundation Inc. takes great pride in recognizing the outstanding achievements of young men of color in Westchester County, NY. Each year, through fundraising efforts and generosity of our community partners and supporters, WAEF, Inc. awards several one-time book awards in the amount of **\$1,000**, and the Gerald L. Barbour Scholarship, in the amount of **\$2,000** to deserving African-American/Black and/or Latino male graduating seniors who will be attending accredited two-year or four-year colleges/universities in Fall 2020. The book awards and scholarship funds are intended to provide some financial support as high school seniors make the transition into college. Award recipients exemplify the principles of WAEF, Inc.: academic excellence, community involvement, and cultural awareness. To qualify for the WAEF, Inc. book awards and scholarship, applicants must:

- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 80%, 3.2 (4.0 scale), or 4.0 (5.0 scale) for the book awards, and a minimum grade point average of 90%, 3.6 (4.0 scale), or 4.5 (5.0 scale) for the Gerald L. Barbour Scholarship;
- Be accepted to at least one (1) accredited two-year or four-year college or university for Fall 2020;
- Demonstrate leadership in and a commitment to his community;
- Complete and submit the application and the supporting documentation: official transcript, three (3) letters of recommendation, and SAT/ACT exam score report.

The completed application package (including supporting documentation) must be submitted online or postmarked no later than **Monday, April 8, 2019**. Paper applications and supporting documentation - official transcript, three (3) letters of recommendation, and SAT/ACT exam score report (if taken) - should be mailed to: WAEF PO Box 1587 New Rochelle, NY 10801

Qualified applicants will be contacted by the WAEF Scholarship Committee to schedule an interview. Interviews will be held in the evening, the week of May 11, 2020. Award recipients will be notified by Friday, May 29, 2020. The Westchester Alphas Educational Foundation and the Eta Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated will host an event on Saturday, June 6 or 13, 2020 to honor the book award and scholarship recipients. Recipients are required to attend the event. Additional event information will follow. If you have questions/concerns, please contact WAEF at westchesteralphasedfoundation@gmail.com

NYSSCPA SCHOLARSHIPS

Despite the circumstances, the Westchester Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (“NYSSCPA”) is continuing its annual program of offering **scholarships** to provide financial assistance to deserving applicants who have committed to enter the accounting profession and pursue accounting as a major in college. **Scholarships of up to \$1,000.00 are awarded to each selected applicant.**

Eligibility requirements are included in the application form. Applicants are selected for the scholarship based on GPA (grade transcript required), extracurricular activities, essay, and timely submission of the information submitted.

Attached is a copy of the application. **The deadline for submission is Friday, May 1, 2020.**

Interested students should mail/ **email applications and supporting documentation** (transcripts, essay, etc.) **to:**

Censullo, Gupta & Associates, CPA, LLP
c/o Licia Vizcarra
80 Business Park Dr, Ste 208
Armonk, NY 10504
lvizcarra@cgallp.com

2020 COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

College Prep Scholars can receive special awards and opportunities, including a full scholarship to a college summer program, an invitation to a National College Admissions Conference, campus visits, essay feedback, and much more. We are looking for high school **juniors** who have shown outstanding academic ability despite financial challenges. We take a holistic approach to reviewing applications, and we do not have absolute criteria or cut-offs for GPA, standardized test scores, income, or other factors.

Be sure to review carefully:

[Eligibility](#) | [Academic Achievement](#) | [Financial Qualifications](#) | [Personal Circumstances](#) | [FAQs](#)

FINANCIAL AID

SALLIE MAE FINANCIAL AID TOOLS

Over the next few weeks, many of our seniors will begin to receive their college Financial Aid Award Letters, or “Offer Letters” as many colleges are beginning to call them. While all colleges are required to clearly describe the types of aid available – grants and scholarships, work study, and loans – it can sometimes be confusing to compare multiple financial aid offers and figure out the bottom line – what is still left over to pay.

Sallie Mae’s Pay For College Resource includes a section dedicated to the Award Letter process and offers tools that help students and families compare their financial aid offers from the various colleges they are interested in. This section can be found at www.payingforcollegeresource.com/award-letters/

As always, the www.payingforcollegeresource.com is free for high schools to link to on their websites, and all materials can be easily downloaded to share. The site

includes information on filing the FAFSA, Award Letters, Grants and Scholarships, and Student Loans.

COMMON APP NEW RESOURCES

To keep parents and guardians engaged and informed, we've developed [a new set of resources](#) designed to help your families — particularly those who may not have navigated the college application process themselves — get involved in their student's college journey. These downloadable tools include a checklist for families, information about financial aid, and fast facts about application fees, fee waivers, and scholarships. [Access Family Resources](#)

PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FAFSA, UNDERSTANDING THE AID PACKAGE, ETC.

PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES

JLCW VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Each year, The Junior League of Central Westchester (JLCW) offers Volunteer Service Awards to female high school juniors. The recipients of this award are women who have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to volunteerism and public service. The purpose of this award is to promote volunteerism and to support the development of young women.

Award Criteria:

Female High School Junior who has demonstrated a commitment to VOLUNTEERISM AND/OR PUBLIC SERVICE between September 2018 and March 2020.

Must attend school in one of these districts: ARDSLEY, EASTCHESTER, EDGEMONT, GREENBURGH, SCARSDALE, or WHITE PLAINS

The application can be found [HERE](#)

If you have any questions, please email our Community Development Directors at JLCWCommunityDevelopment@gmail.com

MERCY COLLEGE

Once again this summer Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY will be hosting our successful Leadership Academy for rising high school seniors (juniors moving up). There are three 1-week sessions for students to choose from:

- June 21-27
- July 5-11
- July 19-25

Students learn about careers in business, practice public speaking, visit Fortune 500 companies, play Shark Tank and have a lot of fun overall.

The best part -- **Tuition and Housing are FREE**. We only ask that students pay \$300 for food for the week. Students love the program as it helps them to understand how a major in business can be beneficial to their future careers.

We're seeking rising seniors with 87+ GPA who are hungry for a career in business

STEP-UP SCIENCE PROGRAM

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIH/NIDDK) Short-term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP)

Purpose of the NIDDK STEP-UP Program:

To expose underrepresented minority and disadvantaged high school students (rising seniors or those heading to college) to research in the NIDDK mission areas including diabetes, endocrinology, metabolism, nutrition, obesity, and digestive, liver, urologic, kidney, and hematologic diseases. In addition to these mission areas, other areas of research are also welcome.

Overall Goal of STEP-UP: To increase the number of underrepresented minority and disadvantaged students “in the pipeline” who are committed to a career in biomedical, behavioral, clinical, or social science research.

Summer Experience: Step-Up students work with mentors (professors, postdoctoral fellows, medical or graduate students, or research assistants) to develop a hands-on summer project. The project not only enhances the student’s knowledge and skills in a particular area of 30 scientific interest, but also enhances both their overall research capabilities and interest in pursuing a research career.

Requirements: 1. Student participants are required to work full-time (40 hours per week) for a minimum of 8 weeks. 2. Students begin the program in mid-June, provided they have completed their spring classes. 3. The summer session ends with the Annual STEP-UP High School Scientific Session and Summer Research Presentations, usually held the second week of August. This is at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. All expenses are paid by the program. 4. Students are required to prepare an abstract and podium presentation (in PowerPoint format) of their summer

research. Senior students will also prepare a poster. Funds are available through the program for poster preparation. Students will receive specific details for preparing their items for submission at a later date. 5. Students and mentors receive a stipend. For more information, please click [here](#). Visit our [Stanford STEP-UP website](#) to learn more about this opportunity.

SUMMER LIFEGUARD JOBS

American Pool Lifeguards are professional rescuers that receive American Red Cross First Aid, CPR and AED certifications. Lifeguarding emphasizes responsibility, professionalism, time management, and customer relations. These skills continue with our Lifeguards through their college application process, future career development and beyond.

American Pool Management is one of the largest pool management companies in the area and operates over 200 facilities throughout Northern New Jersey and New York. What this means to your students is that there will likely be a pool location close to home. During the 2019 pool season we employed over 1000 seasonal employees. We offer competitive salaries, discounted training, and many other bonus and incentive programs.

Interested students may apply at www.guardforlife.com

COAP SUMMER PROGRAM

COAP program is a very **FREE**, very **EDUCATIONAL** experience in accounting created and funded specifically for underrepresented minority high school juniors. **(Underrepresented Minority = American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, Multi-Ethnic)** The program is **designed to teach students about the depth of accounting as a career choice. NO PREVIOUS ACCOUNTING COURSE WORK OR EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED.**

Our goal is to expose students to accounting and business careers in hopes that it will become a consideration as they begin the process of college selection and application. We certainly hope to convince students to pursue accounting however dedication to accounting is not a prerequisite. Also, students do not need to be math geniuses! (One of the most common misconceptions about accountants!) We only ask for students who are serious about their future and open to learning.

The COAP program provides students with invaluable tools that will be beneficial to their future no matter what career they choose. Besides covering basic accounting concepts other sessions include:

*** Technology * Internet research * Business etiquette * Interviewing skills * Dressing for success * Public speaking * Networking * College prep/financial aid * Resume writing**

But it's not just about coursework; students are taken on field trips and given an opportunity to visit corporations and accounting firms in order to gain exposure to the business world. In addition, recreational activities are incorporated into the program. At the conclusion of each program, a formal banquet is held which features a keynote speaker, and students are presented with awards and certificates. The 4-day

program is a great RESUME BUILDER and an exceptional addition to COLLEGE APPLICATIONS! This year the program will be held Monday, June 29, 2020 – Thursday July 2, 2020. Application **Deadline is May 21, 2020.**

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